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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

Section I of this document contains the provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee, as approved by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session in decision V; section II contains the annotations to the provisional agenda. Section III contains the proposed programme of work of the Preparatory Committee.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Activities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process related to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States in the light of relevant recommendations of Agenda 21;

   (b) Preparations by the host Government;

   (c) Reports from regional technical meetings;

   (d) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

   (e) Operations of the voluntary fund.

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which includes meeting essential human needs, maintaining biodiversity and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources:

   (a) Overview of the special problems of small island developing States:

      (i) Current trends in the socio-economic development of small island developing States;

      (ii) Nature and magnitude of specific vulnerabilities of small island developing States, including specific indicators of vulnerability;

      (iii) Prospects for, constraints on and further options for sustainable development;

   (b) Priority areas for the sustainable development of small island developing States:

      (i) Management of environmental problems of small island developing States;

      (ii) Management of the resources of small island developing States;

(iii) Capacity-building in small island developing States;

(c) Implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda items 3 (a) and (b) above:

(i) National implementation, including recommendations for national capacity-building;

(ii) Regional implementation, including review of relevant regional institutional arrangements and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

(iii) International implementation.

4. Provisional agenda for the Conference.

5. Adoption of the report of the preparatory Committee.

II. ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session, held at United Nations Headquarters on 15 and 16 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its first session (A/CONF.167/PC/4, annex I, decision V).

With regard to the conduct of business of the Preparatory Committee, it may be recalled that rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

(a) Activities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process related to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States in the light of relevant recommendations of Agenda 21

By its resolution 47/189 of 22 December 1992, the General Assembly requested, inter alia, the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, containing a review of existing global and regional programmes of action for their applicability to and their combined effect on the sustainable development of small island developing States, with specific recommendations on any changes to those programmes of action which may be needed to establish greater consistency

with the principles of Agenda 21 with respect to the sustainable development of small island developing States.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the requested report.

(b) Preparations by the host Government

The Preparatory Committee will be apprised of the preparations being carried out by the host Government.

(c) Reports from regional technical meetings

By its resolution 47/189, the General Assembly stressed the importance of holding regional technical meetings on the sustainable development of small island developing States as a means of preparing substantive contributions to the Conference and invited relevant regional and subregional bodies, in close cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other agencies, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, to organize such meetings as soon as practicable, preferably in the first half of 1993.

Under this sub-item of the provisional agenda, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the reports of the two regional technical meetings, namely: (a) the Pacific and Indian Oceans' Regional Technical Meeting, held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from 31 May to 4 June 1993; (b) the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Regional Technical Meeting, held at Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 12 to 16 July 1993.

(d) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process

By its resolution 47/189, the General Assembly invited relevant non-governmental organizations from developed and developing countries, in particular those from small island developing States and those related to major groups, to contribute, within the areas of their competence and expertise, to the Conference on the basis of the procedures for their accreditation used for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as recommended in paragraph 38.44 of Agenda 21.

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided to invite non-governmental organizations, including major groups, to contribute actively to the Conference and its preparatory process, in accordance with the procedures followed for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (decision IV).

(e) Operations of the voluntary fund

The General Assembly, by its resolution 47/189, decided, inter alia, that the funds necessary for the preparatory process and the Conference itself should, subject to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of

21 December 1987, be made available within the programme budget without adversely affecting other ongoing activities and without prejudice to the provision of extrabudgetary resources. The Assembly also decided to establish a voluntary fund for the purpose of assisting small island developing States and the least developed countries to participate fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invited Governments to contribute to the fund.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on existing global and regional programmes of action (A/CONF.167/PC/6)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Pacific and Indian Oceans' Regional Technical Meeting (A/CONF.167/PC/7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Regional Technical Meeting (A/CONF.167/PC/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Preparations for the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/9)

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which includes meeting essential human needs, maintaining biodiversity, and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources

The Preparatory Committee will have before it under this agenda item a report of the Secretary-General on plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and utilization of their marine and coastal resources. The discussion of this item should cover the following:

(a) Overview of the special problems of small island developing States:

(i) Current trends in the socio-economic development of small island developing States;

(ii) Nature and magnitude of specific vulnerabilities of small island developing States, including specific indicators of vulnerability;

(iii) Prospects for, constraints on and further options for sustainable development;

(b) Priority areas for the sustainable development of small island developing States:

(i) Management of environmental problems of small island developing States:

a. Climate change and sealevel rise, including coral bleaching and tropical storms;

b. Natural and environmental disaster preparedness, including early warning systems, disaster relief mechanisms and storm-resistant construction;

c. Management of waste;

(ii) Management of the resources of small island developing States:

a. Coastal and marine resources;

b. Freshwater resources;

c. Land resources, including sustainable agriculture and forestry;

d. Energy resources;

e. Tourism resources;

f. Biodiversity resources;

(iii) Capacity-building in small island developing States:

a. National institutions and administrative capacity;

b. Regional institutions and technical cooperation;

c. Regional transport and communication systems;

d. Science and technology;

e. Human resource development, including education, training, health and population;

(c) Implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda items 3 (a) and (b) above:

(i) National implementation, including recommendations for national capacity-building;

(ii) Regional implementation, including review of relevant regional institutional arrangements and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

(iii) International implementation;

International implementation, monitoring and review of the recommendations emerging from agenda items 3 (a) and (b) above include:

a. Review of the responsiveness of international institutional arrangements to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States and, where appropriate, recommendations for improvement;

b. Recommendations for monitoring and follow-up within the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on plans and programmes to support sustainable development of small island developing States (A/CONF.167/PC/10)

4. Provisional agenda for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee shall draft the provisional agenda for the Conference, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 47/189, on the basis of recommendations to be submitted by the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the provisional agenda of the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/11)

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

Action has been taken on the decisions contained in the draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session (A/CONF.167/PC/4). At its first session, the Preparatory Committee will have before it the above-mentioned draft report for its consideration and appropriate action.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 47/189, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session a sub-item entitled "Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" under the agenda item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

The Preparatory Committee may wish to submit a report on its first session to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and, for that purpose, will have before it a draft report for consideration.

III. PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Week of 2-6 August

Monday, 2 August

a.m. and p.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 2	Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:
		(a) Activities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process related to the sustainable development needs of small island developing States in the light of relevant recommendations of Agenda 21
		(c) Reports from regional technical meetings
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		Introduction and general discussion

Tuesday, 3 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Items 2 (a), (c) and 3	General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 4 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Items 2 (a), (c) and 3	General discussion (continued)
Thursday, 5 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Items 2 (a), (c) and 3	Conclusion of the general discussion
Friday, 6 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 2	Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions: (b) Preparations by the host Government (d) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process (e) Operations of the voluntary fund Introduction and general discussion
Week of 9-13 August		
Monday, 9 August		
a.m. and p.m.		Informal consultations
Tuesday, 10 August		
a.m. and p.m.		Informal consultations
Wednesday, 11 August		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 4	Provisional agenda for the Conference Informal consultations

Thursday, 12 August		
a.m. and p.m.		Informal consultations
Friday, 13 August		
a.m.		Informal consultations on any outstanding matters
p.m.	Item 5	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

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